

What is a Plant-Wide Applicability Limit?

A Plant-Wide Applicability Limit (PAL) is a limit on the facility that sets a plant-wide emission limit based upon plant-wide actual emissions. The advantage in obtaining a PAL is that a source can make changes that result in increases in individual units' pollutant emissions as long as its plant-wide actual emissions do not exceed its PAL limits. The PAL limit must be included in a permit issued by the Department of Ecology.

A PAL must be enforceable in a practical manner. In order to be considered practically enforceable, the limit must be measurable.

Examples of measurable limits include, but are not limited to, pounds of product produced and gallons of fuel burned.